

CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS

*Exchange of notes at Washington November 18 and December 4,
1929*

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Department of State files

The Chilean Ambassador to the Secretary of State

No. 81

NOVEMBER 18, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

The President of the Republic of Chile was authorized, by Law No. 4640 of August 19, 1929, to declare free from all import duties articles destined to Professional Consuls accredited near the Government of Chile, when the articles are originally shipped for the account of the aforementioned officials and for their own use and consumption. The Law provides that goods to an amount which would ordinarily bear duties of 30,000 Chilean Pesos will be permitted to enter free of duty the first year of the Consuls stay in the Country and goods ordinarily bearing 6,000 Chilean Pesos in duties each succeeding year. This free entry will be extended only to the Professional Consuls of those Countries granting similar reciprocity, and who do not, outside of their official functions, engage in commerce.

I have the honor to request that Your Excellency be good enough to advise me if there is any provision of Law here whereby the United States Government might permit its Professional Consuls to take advantage of the above Chilean Law by granting reciprocal privileges to the Professional Consuls of Chile in the United States.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

CARLOS G. DÁVILA

His Excellency HENRY L. STIMSON,
The Secretary of State,
Etc., etc., etc.,
Washington, D.C.

¹ 3 UST 4293; TIAS 2577.

The Secretary of State to the Chilean Ambassador

DECEMBER 4, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of November 18, 1929, informing me that under Chilean Law No. 4640 of August 19, 1929, professional consular officers assigned to Chile may be granted free entry on a basis of reciprocity for goods to an amount which would ordinarily bear duties of 30,000 Chilean pesos for the first year of their stay in Chile and goods ordinarily bearing duties of 6,000 Chilean pesos each succeeding year.

I have the honor to inform you in reply that this Government does not limit the amount represented in duty which may be imported by foreign diplomatic or consular officers for their personal or family use during any one year, but as it is believed that the value of articles imported by Chilean consular officers would not exceed the value of importations allowed American consular officers in Chile, the Treasury Department has consented to extend the privilege of free importation to Chilean consular officers in the United States. I have pleasure in advising you, therefore, that in addition to the free entry of baggage and effects upon arrival and return to their posts in this country after visits abroad, which Chilean consular officers assigned to the United States already enjoy, effective at once upon the request of the Chilean Embassy in each instance this Department will arrange for the extension of the free importation privilege to Chilean consular officers assigned to the United States who are Chilean nationals and not engaged in any other business with the understanding that no article, the importation of which is prohibited by the laws of the United States shall be imported by such officers.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

FRANCIS WHITE

His Excellency

Señor DON CARLOS G. DÁVILA,
Ambassador of Chile.